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PORTLAND CEMENT PRODUCT IN 1912

Estimate by United States Geological Survey Shows Increase of Three and One-Half Million Barrels.

According to returns received by the United States Geological Survey up to January 15, 1913, it is estimated by Ernest F. Burchard, of the Survey, that the total quantity of Portland cement manufactured in the United States in 1912 was approximately 81,341,998 barrels. It is believed that this estimate is within 1.5 per cent of the exact figure. This quantity represents an increase of 3,413,361 barrels over the 78,528,637 barrels manufactured in 1911, or 4.3 per cent. The shipments of Portland cement during 1912 are estimated at 84,750,291 barrels, compared with 75,547,829 barrels in 1911, an increase of 9,202,462 barrels, or 12.2 per cent. The production in 1912 was thus held in check sufficiently to permit a material reduction in the stocks of cement at the mills at the close of 1911, which amounted to nearly 12,000,000 barrels.

The continued increase in the production of Portland cement is significant in view of the fluctuations in the output of other leading mineral products such as coal, iron, and copper. The curve of production of Portland cement, although not now rising at so rapid a rate as during 1909 and 1910, is still pointing upward and has yet to take its first downward drop.

Business Conditions and Prices.
Practically all mills report having to contend with adverse business conditions during the first six months of the year. Prices were lower than the average for 1911 during this period, and some plants reported the lowest prices for which they had ever sold cement. After the middle of the year conditions improved materially and generally during the last four months of 1912 the demand for Portland cement was sufficient to keep most mills running at full capacity. In the Lehigh district production was curtailed slightly in order to diminish accumulated stocks. Production and shipments in New York show the greatest proportionate increase of all districts. In the southeastern states the increase in production and shipments was gratifyingly large, as it was also in the vicinity of Chicago, Ill., and in Iowa and Missouri. Certain plants in Kansas were much hampered by the failure of the supply of natural gas, and were obliged to shut down temporarily while installing coal-burning devices. This feature contributed to the decrease in production in the Great Plains States. In the Pacific Coast States and in certain of the Rocky Mountain States production did not keep pace with that of 1911, owing to the lack of demand for cement for large public works.

The average price for the whole country of Portland cement per barrel in bulk at the mills probably show a slight decrease when complete returns are received, although at the close of the year prices were much better than they had been during the last two years.

Production by Districts.

In addition to estimating the total production and shipments of Portland cement during 1912 it is possible to present fairly complete statistics of production and shipments by districts.

Lehigh District.—Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, which together form the leading Portland cement manufacturing district of the United States, produced approximately 24,499,523 barrels of Portland cement in 1912, compared with 25,972,108 barrels in 1911. This represents a decrease of 1,522,585 barrels, or 5.9 per cent. The shipments of Portland cement in 1912 approximated 25,905,257 barrels, compared with 25,192,464 barrels shipped in 1911, an increase of 712,793 barrels, or 2.8 per cent. There were 20 mills reported as active in 1912, against 24 in 1911.

New York.—Mills in the State of New York produced approximately 4,490,180 barrels of Portland cement in 1912, compared with 3,314,217 barrels in 1911. This represents an increase of 1,175,963 barrels, or 35.5 per cent. The shipments of Portland cement in 1912 approximated 4,547,195 barrels, compared with 3,658,463 barrels shipped in 1911, an increase of 1,488,732 barrels, or 48.7 per cent. There were 7 mills reported as active in 1912, the same number as in 1911.

Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.—In Ohio and western Pennsylvania there were produced approximately 7,239,775 barrels of Portland cement

in 1912, compared with 6,756,313 barrels in 1911. This represents an increase of 483,462 barrels, or 7.2 per cent. The shipments of Portland cement in 1912 approximated 7,400,885 barrels, compared with 6,554,269 barrels shipped in 1911, an increase of 746,616 barrels, or 11.2 per cent. There were 9 mills reported as active in 1912, the same number as in 1911.

Michigan and Northeastern Indiana.—This district produced approximately 4,449,274 barrels of Portland cement in 1912, compared with 4,519,726 barrels in 1911. This represents a decrease of 70,452 barrels, or 1.6 per cent. The shipments of Portland cement in 1912 approximated 4,451,838 barrels, compared with 4,550,896 barrels shipped in 1911, a decrease of 99,058 barrels, or 2.2 per cent. There were 12 mills reported as active in 1912, the same number as in 1911.

Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana.—Mills near Ohio River in Kentucky and Indiana produced approximately 3,071,467 barrels of Portland cement in 1912, compared with 2,818,820 barrels in 1911. This represents an increase of 252,647 barrels, or 9 per cent. The shipments of Portland cement in 1912 approximated 3,134,874 barrels, compared with 2,800,526 barrels shipped in 1911, an increase of 334,348 barrels, or 11.9 per cent. Three mills were reported as active in 1912, the same number as in 1911.

TO THE INTEREST OF VINITA TAX-PAYERS

The County Assessor will call at your home and leave two assessment sheets, one white and one yellow, together with notice concerning the listing of property. The white sheet is to be signed and sworn to before the Assessor when he calls for the list. The yellow sheet is your copy. Read the notice and the blanks carefully and list your property accordingly. If your figures are satisfactory to the Assessor you will be so advised, but if they are not he will place such values, and any other property on the list, as he believes should be placed thereon under the law, and will then give you a written notice to appear before the Board of Equalization on the 2nd day of June and show cause why the prices he places thereon should not stand.

You will save time and trouble by placing a fair cash value on the property, as no list will be accepted unless this is done.

DO NOT DESTROY OR MISPLACE THESE LISTS. It is important to you, as well as to the Assessor, that you have your list ready when he calls for it. The list MUST BE SIGNED AND SWORN TO before the Assessor, or some one authorized to administer oaths. They will not be accepted unless signed and sworn to as required by law.

If you will do your part the Treasurer will be ready to commence collecting taxes when the law says he should commence.

Very respectfully,
VIRGIL A. KINNISON,
County Assessor.
January 22, 1913.

BOY SAVED BABIES FROM FIRE.

Wichita Youth May Die From Burns Suffered in a Rescue.

Wichita, Kans., Jan. 22.—Willie Patterson, 7 years old, may die as the result of burns he received when he rescued his baby sister and brother from a fire that destroyed their home here tonight. All five children in the family were burned severely.

The explosion of a can of gasoline enveloped the room in the small house in flames, while the mother was at a grocery store across the street. Two children, 5 and 8 years old, climbed from a window and escaped after their clothing had been ignited. Willie ran to his mother. When she had extinguished the flames that enveloped his clothing he ran back to the house.

"I must get the babies," he said. A sister, 2½ years old, and a brother, 8 months old, lay on a couch. Willie carried them from the house, then fainted. His condition is dangerous.

C. E. Craig and F. M. Mozell were among the visitors in the county seat today from Welch to pay their taxes.

John Barbee and W. C. Gardener were down from Afton this afternoon.

Dr. G. E. Miller was in town today from White Oak.

Glenn Chatterton was a visitor here this morning from Big Cabin.

ROBT. L. OWEN U. S. SENATOR

Oklahoma City, Jan. 23.—Brilliant formalities marked the joint session of the Oklahoma legislature at the Overholser theater Wednesday, when the Honorable Robert Latham Owen was formally declared re-elected to the United States senate.

The chief judicial and executive officers of the state joined the legislative branch to make the occasion one to be remembered, and crowded galleries showed large number of "the people" on hand as participants also. Senator Owen's speech, which closed the program, was probably the most remarkable part of the whole proceedings. He touched upon the great national issues, and declared that the United States senate would be a senate of the people of the United States after March 4, subject to no control but that of the people, and to no rule of seniority or procedure except such as progressive democracy approved of.

Coming down to issues before the present legislature, he urged in the strongest terms the necessity for a fair election law and a corrupt practices act, and that the initiative and referendum should be so changed so that a majority of those who voted on state questions could control.

Prominent Officials Attend.

The joint assembly was presided over by Lieutenant Governor J. J. McAlester. Speaker J. H. Maxey of the house and President Pro Tempore C. B. Hendricks of the senate. On the rostrum ranged in semi-circles behind the presiding officers were a majority of the great officers of the state, including Governor Lee Cruise, Chief Justice Hays of the supreme court, Chairman Jack Love of the corporation commission, and two score of other officers and visitors. Those from out of town included Democratic State Chairman Tom C. Harrell of Wagoner, Judge Thomas H. Owen of Muskogee and others.

Representative H. H. Smith of Pottawatomie nominated Senator Owen for the house; Senator McIntosh of Durant made the senate nomination. Both of the gentlemen were heartily applauded. Senator McIntosh fairly bringing down the house when he said that the election of men like Senator Owen by such majorities meant that the people were rousing to higher ideals.

"Honesty and uprightness must control our government in the future," he said. "The day of official graft in the state of Oklahoma is a thing of the past." It was here that the assembled legislators and visitors cheered so heartily, especially since Senator McIntosh and Senator Thomas of the senate have had such a prominent and consistent part in the various senate probes.

PEDAGOGUE VICTIM OF ATTACK.

Three Boys "Jump" Him, One Using Knife With Possible Fatal Effect.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 22.—Prof. J. C. Hoelmer, principal of the schools at Hatfield, Polk county, was perhaps fatally injured when he was attacked and stabbed Tuesday afternoon by three boys, K. Q. Morrow, a 15-year-old boy, his brother, aged 17, and Shelby Lebow, aged 16, are in jail charged with the assault.

It is charged the younger Morrow used the knife. The boy had been expelled from school for disorderly conduct and recently was twice in a justice court on a charge of intoxication.

He returned to school Tuesday and Professor Hoelmer ordered him out of the building. As they reached the entrance of the building the boy, it is charged, whipped out a knife and stabbed the teacher in the throat. The blade scraped the jugular vein.

AX MAN IN A MURDER DEFENSE.

Accused Argansas Men Will Lay Crime to Mysterious Slayer.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 22.—That the defense of Odin Davidson, on trial at Harrison charged with the murder of Miss Ella Barham, may contend that he killed families in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas and Illinois, killed the Barham girl near Pleasant Ridge last November, was part of the opening statement made when the first witnesses were examined. It required the entire day to examine three witnesses. J. H. Stewart swore a cut on the girl's body fit the blade of a blood-stained ax found in the Davidson home.

KNIGHT BROTHERS BUY COURT HOUSE

A business deal that is of much importance in the progress of the city was transacted this week in the sale of the building at the corner of Wilson and Canadian streets, formerly used as the court house. The building, formerly owned by W. E. Halsell was sold the first part of the week to Joe Wheat, and yesterday he sold it again to Morris and Henry Knight. The city is gradually moving its business center down Wilson street and this corner is now one of the most valuable in town. There was considerable competition in making the sale and it is alleged the other parties had their eye on the building intending to buy, but were waiting to further determine how the city was progressing and the sale was transacted whereby the Mr. Knights became the owners.

In speaking of the sale today Mr. M. F. Knight said that he had always had confidence in Vinita and was not afraid to invest his money here. He believes the corners owned by him at this square is destined to be the business center of the town and intends to put and keep the building in such condition that it can be looked upon as a credit to the town. It is his intention to have the building thoroughly remodeled at once making the lower floor into a business room and the upper story into office rooms. The work will be done immediately by Contractor J. P. Wheat.

Idylhour Theatre to Enlarge.

The manager of the Idylhour theatre has rented the room next to the theatre that has been occupied by the Model Millinery store and will enlarge the seating capacity of the theatre with the room. The work of tearing out the partitions and getting it ready will begin tomorrow morning. This will give the show the room that has been much needed in the steady growth of their business.

FIND COCAINE IN VAULT.

St. Louis Raiders Expect Biggest Cache on Record.

St. Louis, Jan. 22.—The arrest of a negro who is believed to have sold a box of cocaine resulted today in the finding by the police of a large quantity of the drug in a small safe found in a vault in a side street in a squallid part of town.

W. H. Collier, internal revenue officer, said today that he believes much more cocaine and opium was secreted in the vault than ever before found in one raid in the United States.

A plant for the preparation of the drug was found on the premises, as also were cocaine cans from New York. It is thought that raw opium was sent to St. Louis from New York and Memphis and here prepared for market.

THE DUNBAR ORCHESTRA PLEASES VINITA AUDIENCE

The Dunbar Orchestra, consisting of six lady musicians, who gave an entertainment at the high school last evening was certainly a musical treat, and there was not a dull moment during the whole time, and the hearty encores after each number proved the appreciation of their audience. The fairly large crowd present were not at all disappointed in expecting a musical program of high class. They rendered music, both classical and operatic and the management of the lyceum course continues to get such numbers as they have given the people in their numbers of this season their success of future days is assured.

The high school basketball teams play the Chelsea high school teams here next Friday night. A social affair is being planned for the visitors after the game.

Mrs. Okee, who has been managing the Model Millinery store on South Wilson street, has moved the establishment to Welch. She left for that place this morning.

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ADJUDGED AN INCOMPETENT.

"Big Jim" Sullivan Afflicted With Maniacal Insanity.

New York, Jan. 22.—Timothy D. Sullivan, congressman-elect from this city, today was adjudged an incompetent by a sheriff's jury. Four physicians pronounced him incapable of taking care of his property, which is estimated to be worth about \$100,000. Mr. Sullivan has been a patient at a private sanitarium since last September. He is suffering from "maniacal depressive insanity," according to one of the medical witnesses, another of whom testified that a cure was "possible but not probable."

In the East Side where Sullivan was born fifty years ago and where he built up a strong political machine that elected him to the New York assembly four times, to the state senate four times and to congress once previous to his election last fall, he is known as "Big Tim." Much of his estate consists of holdings in amusement enterprises and New York city real estate.

Taxpayers Here From Bluejacket.

Among the Craig county taxpayers living in Bluejacket that were here today paying up were: Jeff Robbins, C. S. Pearson, R. L. Landers, A. P. Landers, Chas. Shoo and Robt. Harrison. The visitors returned to their homes on the afternoon train.

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